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1. INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE TODAY CARRIES EVANS AND NOVAK COLUMN TITLED QUOTE CARTER FACES DEFENSE SHIFT ON WEST EUROPE END QUOTE. LEAD STATES QUOTE PRESIDENT CARTER LATE THIS WEEK WILL BE PRESENTED BY HIS NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISORS WITH A NEW DEFENSE STRATEGY THAT SECRETLY CONCEDES ONE-THIRD OF WEST GERMANY TO A SOVIET INVASION RATHER THAN SEEK INCREASED DEFENSE SPENDING WHICH THESE ADVISORS SAY WOULD PROVOKE MOSCOW AND DIVIDE WASHINGTON END QUOTE.

2. COLUMN SAYS THAT THIS STRATEGY CONTAINED IN PRM-10 AND WILL BE QUOTE MADE PALATABLE TO WESTERN EUROPE BY SIMPLY NOT ADMITTING ITS IMPLICATIONS END QUOTE.

3. EVANS AND NOVAK CITE QUOTE VERBATIM NOTES TAKEN BY A PARTICIPANT END QUOTE AT A MEETING OF THE SENIOR COORDINATING COUNCIL ON NATIONAL SECURITY TO BACK UP CLAIM UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT THERE WAS NO DISSENT TO THIS POLICY BY SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS. SAME VERBATIM QUOTES HAVE BRZEZINSKI SAYING QUOTE IT IS NOT POSSIBLE IN THE CURRENT POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT TO GAIN SUPPORT IN THE UNITED STATES FOR PROCUREMENT OF THE CONVENTIONAL FORCES REQUIRED TO ASSURE THAT NATO COULD MAINTAIN TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY IF DETERRENCE FAILS. THEREFORE, WE SHOULD ADOPT A STALEMATE

STRATEGY OF FALLING BACK AND LEAVING THE SOVIETS TO FACE
THE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR AGGRESSION. END QUOTE.

4. COLUMN SAYS THAT BRZEZINSKI QUOTE IMPLICITLY ACCEPTED
END QUOTE PRM-10 VIEWS ON FUTURE DEFENSE SPENDING AND
MILITARY POSTURE.

5. EXPECT WE AND OTHER POSTS WILL BE QUESTIONED QUICKLY ON
THIS COLUMN BY PRESS AND OTHER DELEGATIONS. REQUEST PRESS
GUIDANCE ASAP. PEREZ

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